(b)if so, details thereof;

(c)what corrective measures Union Government have taken or proposed to take for protecting the people against bio-terrorism threats, including public awareness campaign; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b)In view the reply to (a) above doe's not arise.

(c)and (d) The Government has issued a detailed circular to all States and Union Territories containing a list of biological agents used as weapons, along-with signs and symptoms, likely method of dissemination, incubation period, lethality and the availability of vaccines, anti- microbial therapy and treatment. They have been requested to earmark maximum number of beds for emergency.

Contingency, stocking of vaccines/sera/drugs to the extent possible and setting up of special teams of doctors for coordinated action. It has also been requested that these Teams should be sensitized on the impact of such weapons and treatment measures.

A general awareness campaign regarding bio-terrorism been launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

In addition, all States/Union Territories have been sensitized to remain vigilant to the emerging threats to internal security and to have contingency plans in readiness to deal with any eventuality, including precautions against weapons of mass destruction.

Income-tax officials caught red handed by Delhi Police

1752. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Vigilance Wing of Delhi Police have caught some Income-tax officials demanding and taking bribe from some persons during the last two years;

(b)if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c)what action have been taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.